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Rep. Giuliano: Eight Mile River Watershed Protection Initiative Passes House, Senate



Legislation that would protect a portion of the Eight Mile River watershed while it is being evaluated by the federal government for designation as a national Wild and Scenic River has gained final legislative approval and could become law within a few weeks, state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, said today.

The measure (House Bill 6414), which passed the State House April 20th, was approved Wednesday by the State Senate. Both chambers approved the proposal on unanimous votes, said Representative Giuliano, who cosponsored the bill.

“The fact that this legislation was endorsed unanimously by both the state House and Senate is good news for Lyme, East Haddam and Salem residents and everyone in the region who is concerned about preserving the Eight Mile River watershed,” Representative Giuliano said. “Governor Rell’s record of support for measures to preserve open space and protect the environment make it a virtual certainty that she will sign this bill into law in the very near future.”

“As a legislator who has always supported measures to preserve our rivers, streams, lakes, forests and beaches for the enjoyment of future generations, I was pleased to cosponsor this measure and to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to secure final approval for it. Their strong endorsement demonstrates once again the state’s commitment to protecting our irreplaceable natural treasures. Eight Mile River is one of them. I’d like to thank the General Assembly for supporting an initiative that means a lot to Lyme residents – and to conservationists throughout southeast Connecticut,” Representative Giuliano said.